

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

## Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

5        11. (original) A litter box assembly comprising:  
a housing having a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, a first side wall and a  
second side wall, an upper edge of said housing defining an upper opening  
extending into said housing, a covering being hingedly attached to an  
upper edge of said back wall, said covering being selectively positioned in  
10      an open position or in a closed position, said housing having a height  
generally between 14 inches and 18 inches, said housing having a length  
generally between 24 inches and 28 inches, said housing having a width  
generally between 18 inches and 22 inches, said covering being  
substantially transparent, each of said first and second side walls having an  
15      aperture extending therethrough, each of said apertures being generally  
centrally disposed, each of said apertures having a generally oblong shape;  
a partition wall being mounted within said housing and extending from said front  
wall toward said back wall, a first portion of said housing being defined  
between said partition wall and said first side wall, a second portion of  
20      said housing being defined between said partition wall and said second  
side wall, said partition wall having a free edge directed toward said back  
wall, said partition wall extending between 9 inches and 11 inches away  
from said front wall, said partition wall being spaced between 7 inches and  
8 inches from said first side wall, said partition wall having a height  
generally equal to 8 inches;  
25      said front wall having a front opening extending therethrough, said front opening  
extending into said first portion, said front opening having a bottom edge  
spaced from said bottom wall, said front opening generally extending from  
said partition wall to said first side wall, said front opening having a height  
generally between 9 inches and 12 inches, said front opening having an  
arcuate upper edge;

an air filter being positioned in said covering, said air filter being positioned over  
said second portion when said covering is in said closed position;  
a cushioning material being mounted on and extending along said free edge of  
said partition wall;

5       a mat being removably positioned in said first portion and substantially covering  
          said bottom wall of said first portion, said mat having a top side having a  
          plurality of bristles extending upwardly therefrom; and  
a litter pan being removably positioned in said second portion.

- 10      12. (new) A litter box assembly comprising:  
          a housing having a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, a first side wall and a  
          second side wall, an upper edge of said housing defining an upper opening  
          extending into said housing, a covering being hingedly attached to an  
          upper edge of said back wall, said covering being selectively positioned in  
15      an open position or in a closed position, each of said first and second side  
          walls having an aperture extending therethrough, each of said apertures  
          being generally centrally disposed; each of said apertures having a  
          generally oblong shape;
- 20      a partition wall being mounted within said housing and extending from said front  
          wall toward said back wall, a first portion of said housing being defined  
          between said partition wall and said first side wall, a second portion of  
          said housing being defined between said partition wall and said second  
          side wall, said partition wall having a free edge directed toward said back  
          wall;
- 25      said front wall having a front opening extending therethrough, said front opening  
          extending into said first portion, said front opening having a bottom edge  
          spaced from said bottom wall, said front opening generally extending from  
          said partition wall to said first side wall;
- 30      an air filter being positioned in said covering, said air filter being positioned over  
          said second portion when said covering is in said closed position;

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a cushioning material being mounted on and extending along said free edge of  
said partition wall;  
a mat being removably positioned in said first portion and substantially covering  
said bottom wall of said first portion, said mat having a top side having a  
plurality of bristles extending upwardly therefrom; and  
a litter pan being removably positioned in said second portion.